



Carol A. Kowalka

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Carol A. Kowalka, 83, of Berea, Ohio, passed away peacefully on November 10, 2025.

Born on September 30, 1942, in Cleveland, Ohio, Carol was the cherished daughter of the late Charles and Anne Krakora. She was the devoted wife, love, laughter, and partnership.

Carol was a loving mother to Rachel (Bob) Montgomery and Raymond (Beth) Kowalka, and a caring sister-in-law to Chuck (Rusty) Lawther, Bob Law Russel Lawther and Roy Lawther.

Carol began her career as a biology teacher, sharing her curiosity and love of learning with young minds. She later chose to stay home and raise her children. When they were older, she returned to the workforce and spent 20 fulfilling years at Scholastic Books.

A gifted artist, Carol found joy in painting—starting with acrylics and eventually falling in love with watercolors. Her creativity bloomed in the form of beautiful watercolor paintings, which she gave them as heartfelt gifts to friends and family.

Carol was a woman of faith and was deeply devoted to her church and church family. Her spiritual life was a source of strength and joy, and she found comfort in her faith.

Carol's warmth, generosity, and quiet strength touched many lives. She will be remembered not only for her talents and devotion, but for the kindness and love she shared with everyone she met.

Carol lived with Type 1 diabetes for 81 years, facing its challenges with strength and grace. She was an active member of the Type 1 Diabetes 50 Year Honor Society. In honor of Carol's lifelong journey with diabetes, the family kindly requests that memorial contributions be made to the American Diabetes Association.

https://diabetes.org/?utm_source=microsoft_search&utm_medium=ppc&utm_campaign=fundraising_wefight&utm_content=search&utm_term=brand&dclid=COi3

A visitation will be held on Monday, November 17, 2025, from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM at Sunset Chapel, 6245 Columbia Rd., North Olmsted, Ohio 44139.



Events

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Visitation

Monday, November 17, 2025

12:00 PM - 2:00 PM ET

Sunset Chapel
6245 Columbia Road, North Olmsted OH 44070



Funeral Service

Monday, November 17, 2025

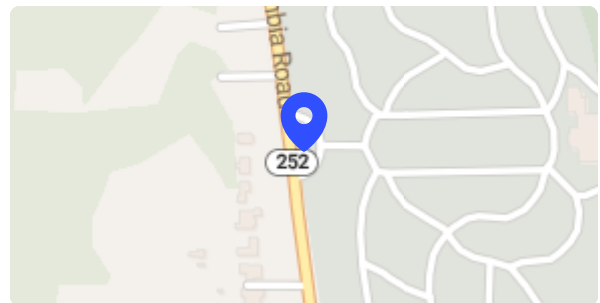
2:00 PM ET

Sunset Chapel
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Cemetery Details

Sunset Memorial Park
6265 Columbia Road, North Olmsted OH 44070





Tribute Wall

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Rkcontracting@Sbcglobal.Net posted:

Hi hun I know you're looking down today from heaven with our glorious God and savior Jesus Christ. I have tears in my eyes as I try to say words about you. And I think back maybe 30 years ago we had the old joke about the love if it changes I'll let you know remember that one I do. It hasn't changed even though you're not here I can see your presence in different things around the house. You know that the cats are behaving like usual chasing around the house and enjoying Sun when they can lay on the couch or wherever they decide to plop down for the day. Today is December 2nd about 12:50 a.m. I'll be in bed shortly thinking about you being with your mom and dad and Friends and our babies. I love you I'll see you soon God bless

December 2 at 1:54 AM



Vi Shaffer posted:

Miss you already Carol. My sweet friend of 78 years. And, yes, as you said in your last message to me, "we will be friends in heaven too."

November 17 at 7:01 PM



Your Scholastic-Cleveland Family sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Kowalka family.



November 17 at 8:19 AM



Sara Lipps lit a candle in honor of Carol.

Carol had a way with her smile. She touched my heart in a way I will never forget. She taught me many lessons with life, love, and laughter. I will forever cherish the time she took to paint portraits of my children. The time we all shared. Rest in peace above. You are dearly missed.



November 16 at 5:07 PM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Kowalka family.



November 15 at 7:56 PM



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Dolly Medaglia Schaft posted:

Sweet girl. Good classmate

November 15 at 7:49 PM



In Sympathy, Devon Oaks Assisted Living planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Carol.



November 15 at 10:21 AM



Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Kowalka family.



November 15 at 10:21 AM



Julie Hardy posted:

Carol and I were pen pals for over 70 years. She was like a sister to me, and I am going to miss her so much. During all those years, we actually met once. My daughter and I stayed with Carol and Ray for two wonderful weeks. I know that she is now at rest with her dear Lord. We shared our faith and love for God. So, now she is no longer suffering and in pain. Rest in peace, my dear, dear friend.

November 15 at 6:10 AM



Maureen Noonan-Knight posted:

I never met Carol in person, but rather online in the Type 1 Diabetes > 50 years club and reading this beautiful obituary of her makes me very sad that I never got that opportunity. What an amazing person she was. I am grateful for the brief time I was able to know her. I look forward to reconnecting with her in heaven. I am sure she will be sorely missed by those who loved her. My deepest condolences to her family and friends.

November 13 at 11:40 PM



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Del Charlebois shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.



Such sad news today..Here is my favourite picture of Carol, with Karen Charlebois (Type 1 - 61 years) and Marcy Higgins (Type 1 for 54 years and "Type 1 Diabetics for 50years " Admin)We had the extreme pleasure of meeting Carol (and her longtime husband Ray) last year..She was incredibly inspirational and so gracious.. Her understanding and compassion for those suffering with this disease was communicated so clearly without words.. The strength and determination she had along with absolute gratefulness of living everyday as a new day and a blessing was amazing..She had a tremendous spiritual faith, and a therapy that worked for her.. she did love to paint.. and her faith and love for life came thru in her art.. (did you know she painted a portrait of Dr. Banting on the day we were visiting his homestead in Ontario!!).. It is a painting I treasure..Our condolences to her entire family and keep strong Ray.. 🙏 Carol, relax.. the paint brushes have been moved aside.. move freely and pain free and worry about the "D" beast no longer.. We will so miss you.. REST IN PEACE ❤️❤️🙏🙏

November 13 at 10:01 PM

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Terri Hewlett posted:

I spent many times at the kitchen table with Carol. My husband would be helping Ray with some computer problem they were having and I would visit with Carol. The stories she told about growing up and different things always made me smile and I cherished those moments. She'd get going on one and she'd say, "long story short" and would continue on with the long version! Carol had a great listening ear and even though we hadn't seen each other in a few years, we would chat through fb messenger. I'll miss you, Carol, but so thankful you're with our Heavenly Father complete and without pain.

November 13 at 10:01 PM



Media

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November 13 at 11:04 PM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Carol by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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